DOLGELLAU URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1969

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31ST 1969

To the Chairman and Members of the Dolgellau Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Health Report for the year ended 31st December, 1969.

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population was 2,670 (40 more than in 1968 and 50 more than in 1967).

There were 37 Live Births (40 in 1968) which gives a live birth rate of 13.9. There was no stillbirth and no infant death.

The total number of deaths was 27 (34 in 1968). As in previous years and as in the country generally most of the deaths were from strokes and heart and circulatory disease. There were three deaths from cancer compared with 4 in 1965. There was no deaths from tuberculosis but one new case of the disease was notified during the year.

The report is generally a very satisfactory one.

I wish to thank the Public Health Inspector the Clerk and all the other Council officials for their help during the year.

Finally I wish to thank all the council members for their support and encouragement.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

(signed) H. FRANCIS
DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

GENERAL STATISTICS

SECTION A.

Area of DOLGELLAU U. District 1969	- 1,127 acres
Rateable Value	- £75,391
Population (Registrar General's figures)	- 2,670
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	- £288
Number of inhabited houses (According to the rate Books) at the end of the year	- 890

VITAL STATISTICS

Comparability Factors -

Births	.73
Deaths	.77

BIRTHS

LIVE BIRTHS	Males	Females
Total	22	15
Legitimate	19	14
Illegitimate	3	3

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population - 13.9
1968 figures - 15.2
Illegitimate Live Births (per 1,000 population) - 1.6

STILL BIRTHS	Males	Females
Total	nil	nil

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population -
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births

TOTAL BIRTHS (Live & Still)		Males	Females
Live	-	22	15
Still	-	nil	nil

DEATHS

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR	Males	Females
Total	nil	nil
Legitimate	nil	nil
Illegitimate	nil	nil

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births - nil
1968 figures - 25
Deaths of Legitimate Infants Mortality (per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births) - nil

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants Mortality (per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births) - nil

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS	Males	Females
Total	nil	nil
Legitimate	nil	nil
Illegitimate	nil	nil

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DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK

	Males	Females
Total	nil	nil
Legitimate	nil	nil
Illegitimate	nil	nil

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate - nil

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate - nil

Perinatal Mortality Rate - nil

MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion) - nil

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Rate per 1,000)
Live Still Births - nil
1968 figures -

DEATHS

	Males	Females
Total number	12	15
Rate per 1,000 population .. .. - 10.1 ..		
1968 figures - 12.9		

DEATHS FROM CANCER

Total number	1	2
Rate per 1,000 population .- 1.12 ..		
1968 figures - 1.52		

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Total number	nil	nil
Rate per 1,000 population - nil		
1968 figures - nil		

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

One Medical Officer of Health
One Public Health Inspector/Surveyor.

(2) Laboratory Facilities

Examination of milk and water samples are carried out at the Public Health Laboratories of Conway and Aberystwyth.

(3) Ambulance Facilities

There are four ambulances and one sitting case car stationed at Arran Road, Dolgellau. There are five full time ambulance drivers.

(4) Infant Welfare Clinics

This clinic is held on the 1st and 3rd Monday in each month at the Chapel Vestry (Ebenezer).

(5) Ante Natal Clinics

Held on the 1st and 3rd Monday in each month at Dolgellau Hospital

(6) Orthopaedic Clinic

Held at Dolgellau Hospital on the 2nd Thursday in each month. The After-Care clinic is held on the 4th Thursday of each month.

(7) Tuberculosis Clinic

This clinic is held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at the Dolgellau and District Hospital, Dolgellau.

(8) Immunisation

Immunisation against Diptheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis and vaccination against smallpox is carried out in the Infant Welfare Centre and in the General Practitioners' surgeries.

(9) Hospitals

One hospital at Dolgellau.

(10) Infectious Diseases

Total number of Infectious diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year:- - nil

Scarlet Fever - nil
Bacillary Dysentery - nil

Whoopung Cough - nil
Measles - nil
Infantile Paralysis - nil
Pneumonia - nil

TUBERCULOSIS		NEW CASES		
	Pulmonary		TOTAL	1
		Males 1		Females nil
	Non-Pulmonary		TOTAL	nil
		Males		Females
TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS	Pulmonary		TOTAL	nil
		Males		Females
	Non-Pulmonary		TOTAL	nil
		Males		Females

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TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1969 IN AGE GROUPS

Age Periods	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		DEATHS Respiratory		DEATHS Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0								
1								
2								
3								
5								
10								
15								
20								
25								
35								
45	1							
55								
65								
75								
TOTAL	1							

CAUSES OF DEATH 1970

	Males	Females
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System		
Other Tuberculosis, Incl. Late Effects		
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases		
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity Etc.		1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus		
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach		1
" " Intestine		
" " Larynx		
" " Lung, Bronchus		
" " Breast		
" " Prostate		
" " Uterus		
Leukaemia	1	
Other Malignant Neoplasms		
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms		
Diabetes Mellitus	1	
Anaemia		
Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases		1
Mental Disorders		
Other Diseases of Nervous System		
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease		
Hypertensive Disease		
Ischaemic Heart Disease	3	3
Other Forms of Heart Disease		
Cerebrovascular Disease	3	2
Other Diseases of Circulatory System		1
Influenza		1
Pneumonia	2	
Bronchitis and Emphysema		2
Asthma		
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	
Peptic Ulcer		
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia		1
Cirrhosis of Liver		
Other Diseases of Digestive System		1
Nephritis and Nephrosis		
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System		1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System		
Congenital Anomalies		
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality		
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, Etc.		
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions		
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	
All Other Accidents		
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries		

FOOD HYGIENE

Food premises were inspected and advice given where required.

NO. OF PROSECUTIONS

Nil

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GENERAL

HOUSING

SLUM CLEARANCE

Further progress still has been made during the year in the clearing of certain sub-standard property and I am pleased to report that most of the houses let during the period went to tenants of unfit accommodation. Appropriate Housing Act action was taken in each case.

DEVELOPMENT AREAS

Consideration of the Sarn Road and South Street Redevelopment Scheme was proceeded with. Alternatives were considered by the Council in connection with this scheme but so far no definite proposal has been decided upon.

COUNCIL HOUSE BUILDING

Progress in this field was made during the year.

The nine additional houses at Penycaeau were completed during the year.

The four Lilleshall bungalows at Ardd Fawr were commenced late in the year.

OVERCROWDING

There were no cases of legal overcrowding within the district.

PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The demand for housing in the private sector continued.

Further houses were completed at Coed y fronallt at Penycefn, and Cader Road and extension of four houses at Maesbrith.

Two additional police houses at Penycaeau completed.

In this connection it is becoming more apparent that due to the continued demand for private housing, realistic consideration of extending the areas allocated within the town plan for residential development will have to be made as sites that are capable of economic development are becoming increasingly scarce.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Ten applications for grants, 8 discretionary and 2 standard, were received and approved during the year.

Thirteen grant aided schemes, discretionary and standard, were completed during the year, and grants paid.

Two grant aided schemes, one discretionary and one standard, were received and approved but not paid in 1969.

The total number of improvement schemes completed now amount to 85

ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

No clearance areas were declared during the year.

UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

After informal action by local authority	
After notice under (a) Public Health Act	Nil
After notice under (b) Section 9 and 16 Housing Act...	Nil

HOUSING MANAGEMENT

The Council employ direct labour for the carrying out of maintenance and repairs to Council houses.

STREET CLEANSING

Cleansing of trunk and classified roads is carried out by the County Highways Authority, whilst the unclassified roads are attended to by this Authority. Every opportunity is t ken to remind the public of the necessity to keep the Town "litter free" and litter bins have been provided in various parts of the Town.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Conveniences are provided for both sexes at the Cae Marian Recreation Park, and also at the Free Library.

A male and female part-time daily attendants are employed to clean the Public Conveniences. Paper hand towel machines are available at the conveniences.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

There has been no change in the system during the year and the sewer discharges into the sea outfall.

The sewers were regularly inspected and flushed once monthly. Test baiting for rodent infestation was carried out during the year.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT - MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION AND FOOD HYGIENE

The private slaughterhouse facilities at Arran Road continued to be in considerable use throughout the year, but the premises fall short of the required structural standards, and efforts were made to bring about the improvement necessary.

The high quality of the home produced meat was again evident.

The total number of animals slaughtered during the year is as follows:-

CATTLE	CALVES	SHEEP AND LAMBS	PIGS	TOTAL
20	1	3528	122	3671

INCIDENCE OF DISEASE IN ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED AND INSPECTED

TUBERCULOSIS - There was no incidence of tuberculosis during the year.

DISEASE OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

	Total Killed	Carcasses condemned	Part carcasses or organ condemned	Percentage of animals infected
Sheep	3528	3	234	6.07%
Pigs	122	-	13	10.62%
Calves	1	-	-	-%
Cattle	20	-	15	75%

CARCASSES OR ORGANS CONDEMNED

	Disease or condition
3 sheep carcasses	- Emaciation and odema
219 sheep livers and lungs	- Parasitic
7 sheep quarters	- Fractures
5 sheep heads	- Parasitic
12 pig livers	- Parasitic
5 pig lungs	- Pneumonia
1 pig belly	- Abscess
14 Ox Livers	- Distoma
1 Ox hindquarter	- Fracture

FOOD INSPECTION IN SHOPS

The following food was surrendered and condemned during the year:-

Others	-	35lbs 11½ozs.
Canned Meat	-	14lbs 15ozs.
Canned Fruit	-	32lbs 9½ozs.
Soups	-	2lbs 14½ozs.
Fresh Meat	-	77lbs.12ozs.

ICE CREAM PREMISES

Manufacturing premises - Nil
Number of Retailers - 11

RODENT CONTROL

The Council continue to carry out their obligations under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 and the Rodent Operator is employed part time, being also responsible for the Dolgellau R.D.C. and Barmouth U.D.C.

NUMBER OF PREMISES INSPECTED

PREMISES OTHER THAN SEWERS	TYPE OF PROPERTY: NON-AGRICULTURAL	TYPE OF PROPERTY: AGRICULTURAL
1. Number of properties in district	1240	7
2. Total number of properties (including nearby premises) insepcted following notification	17	
Number infested by (1) Rats	12	
(2) Mice	5	
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	272	7
(b) Number infested by (1) Rats	109	2
(2) Mice	5	Nil

SEWERS

4. Some infestation of sewers by rats was observed and treated during the year.

WATER SUPPLY

The town's water supply is now completely administered by the Merioneth Water Board.

At present the water delivered to the town from Llyn Cynwch is untreated other than by chlorination, but the Contract for the construction of a treatment works at Penycefn will be carried out by the Water Board in 1968.

FACTORIES ACT 1961

No. of premises on Register	29
No. of inspections re cleanliness...	29
No. inspected re sanitary conditions	29
Defects found	1
Defects remedied	1

INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936

Inspection re nuisance	40	Disinfection	0
Drainage	53	Water Supply	4
Sewerage....	44	Private Water Supply	2
Public Conveniences	50	Street Cleansing	50
Refuse Collection	67	Piggeries	6
Rivers and Streams	25	Verminous Premises...	0
New Buildings etc.	41	Infestation	2

Re Building Byelaws	181
Dangerous Buildings	4

HOUSING

Housing Act 1957, Unfit Houses	-	46
Re. Improvement Grants	-	32
Public Health Act 1936 re defects	-	18
Rent Act 1957	-	Nil
Re Council House Repairs	-	170

FOOD AND DRUGS

Fried Fish shops	8	Bakehouses	12
Greencrocers	24	Grocers	28
Butchers	27	Cafes & Hotels	20
Ice Cream Retailers	15	Food Stalls	-
Dairy	4	Visits to slaughterhouse	165
		Inspections twice annually of Fair Stalls	

OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT

No. of premises on the Register	63
No. of visits of all kinds by Inspector to registered premises	63
Offices	21
Retail Shops	30
Warehouses	2
Catering Establishments	13
Fuel Storage Depots	3

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